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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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MAY 26, 1896.—Ordered to be printed.

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MR. PRITCHARD, from the Committee on Pensions, submitted the following

REPORT:

[To accompany H. R. 5050.]

The Committee on Pensions, to whom was referred the bill (H. R. 5050) granting a pension to Ransom C. Hazelip, have examined the same and report:

The report of the Committee on Invalid Pensions of the House of Representatives, hereto appended, is adopted and the passage of the bill is recommended.

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HOUSE REPORT.

Claimant alleges that in February, 1862, he enlisted in Company G, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry, resigning the position of county and circuit court clerk to do so; that he went with the regiment, doing regular service, as did the other members of the company, until the battle of Shiloh, in which he took part; that in said fight he was injured by concussion of a shell, causing impairment of hearing, most severe in the left ear. After the battle, while camping on the battle ground, he contracted chronic diarrhea, by which he was reduced almost to a skeleton. He had joined the regiment after its muster in, and so he had not been mustered in, and was permitted to go home.

AS soon as he recovered to a sufficient extent to do so he again entered the service, this time as first lieutenant Company B, Thirty-fifth Kentucky Mounted Infantry, and while in this organization, in July, 1864, went out from Munfordville, Ky., on a scout, and from the hardship and exposure on that trip contracted something like rheumatism and disease of kidneys. He now asks that he be pensioned by special act for impaired hearing and chronic diarrhea, contracted while serving with Company G, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry, and results thereof, and for rheumatism and disease of kidneys, and disease of heart and stomach, results, contracted while first lieutenant Company B, Thirty-fifth Kentucky Volunteer Mounted Infantry. He asks this special act because he has no title under existing law for the disabilities incurred while serving with the Eleventh Kentucky Infantry. He is totally disabled for manual labor and in need of the pension.

The sworn testimony of Watson Farris, Alex. Hayes, and William L. Hazelip, who are shown by the records of the War Department to have been in Company G, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry, and present, corroborates the claimant's allegations as to disabilities incurred while serving with Company G, Eleventh Kentucky Infantry; and that of James C. Kinkade, Charles W. Decker, John W. Hayes, Samuel P. York, and Andrew J. Hack corroborates his allegations as to incurrence of disabilities while first lieutenant Company B, Thirty-fifth Kentucky Mounted Infantry, and their testimony, together with that of Drs. S. B. Johnson and A. J. Staton and Mr. George W. Oller, shows the continuance of his disabilities since discharge, and that he is now totally disabled for manual labor.

From the evidence presented your committee believe his disabled condition to be due to his service in the war, and they recommend that the bill do pass.